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Idaho Milk Production Up Slightly

Idaho milk production during December 2009 totaled 1.01 billion pounds, a 0.4 percent increase from the same month last year, and up 31 million pounds from November 2009. November 2009 milk production was revised to 981 million pounds, up 4 million pounds from the preliminary level. Average milk production per cow in December 2009 was 1,840 pounds, up 20 pounds from December 2008. The average number of milk cows during December was 550,000 head, up 2,000 head from November 2009 but down 4,000 head from December 2008.

Milk production in the 23 major States during December totaled 14.6 billion pounds, down 0.8 percent from December 2008. November revised production at 14.0 billion pounds, was down 0.8 percent from November 2008. The November revision represented an increase of 24 million pounds or 0.2 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,758 pounds for December, 29 pounds above December 2008. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.31 million head, 206,000 head less than December 2008, and unchanged from November 2009.

Milk Cows and Production: Selected States, December 2008-2009

State	Milk Cows ^{1/}		Milk Per Cow ^{2/}		Milk Production ^{2/}		Change From 2008
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Percent</i>
Arizona	190	168	1,980	1,995	376	335	-10.9
California	1,840	1,764	1,870	1,860	3,441	3,281	-4.6
Colorado	130	116	1,940	1,930	252	224	-11.1
Florida	118	112	1,520	1,565	179	175	-2.2
Idaho	554	550	1,820	1,840	1,008	1,012	0.4
Illinois	102	101	1,580	1,600	161	162	0.6
Indiana	167	169	1,650	1,660	276	281	1.8
Iowa	215	215	1,690	1,750	363	376	3.6
Kansas	124	115	1,740	1,785	216	205	-5.1
Kentucky	354	354	1,850	1,895	655	671	2.4
Michigan	467	469	1,605	1,650	750	774	3.2
Minnesota	109	103	1,270	1,230	138	127	-8.0
Missouri	335	318	1,975	2,015	662	641	-3.2
New Mexico	625	610	1,640	1,675	1,025	1,022	-0.3
New York	276	272	1,510	1,550	417	422	1.2
Ohio	115	114	1,590	1,625	183	185	1.1
Oregon	548	538	1,580	1,620	866	872	0.7
Pennsylvania	430	411	1,715	1,795	737	738	0.1
Texas	85	83	1,765	1,765	150	146	-2.7
Vermont	139	134	1,525	1,545	212	207	-2.4
Virginia	97	95	1,495	1,525	145	145	--
Washington	244	243	1,900	1,945	464	473	1.9
Wisconsin	1,255	1,259	1,635	1,700	2,052	2,140	4.3
23 State Total	8,519	8,313	1,729	1,758	14,728	14,614	-0.8

1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

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Idaho Red Meat Production Down 5 Percent

Commercial red meat production at Idaho packing plants for December 2009 totaled 18.3 million pounds, down 5 percent from December of last year. Accumulated red meat production for the January-December 2009 period totaled 227 million pounds, down 2 percent from the comparable period a year earlier.

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.15 billion pounds in December, down slightly from the 4.16 billion pounds produced in December 2008. Beef production, at 2.13 billion pounds, was 2 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.75 million head, up 3 percent from December 2008. The average live weight was down 7 pounds from the previous year, at 1,296 pounds. Veal production totaled 13.1 million pounds, 2 percent below December a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 92,300 head, down 2 percent from

December 2008. The average live weight was down 5 pounds from last year, at 240 pounds. Pork production totaled 1.99 billion pounds, down 3 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.83 million head, down 3 percent from December 2008. The average live weight was unchanged from the previous year, at 270 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 15.9 million pounds, was up 3 percent from December 2008. Sheep slaughter totaled 235,300 head, 2 percent above last year. The average live weight was 136 pounds, up 2 pounds from December a year ago. January to December 2009 commercial red meat production was 49.3 billion pounds, down 2 percent from 2008. Accumulated beef production was down 2 percent from last year, veal was down 3 percent, pork was down 2 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 2 percent.

Commercial Red Meat Production, Selected States and United States ^{1/}

State	December 2008	November 2009	December 2009	December 2009 As Percent Of 2008 ^{2/}
	<i>Million Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>
California	149.6	137.2	151.8	101
Colorado	164.3	151.1	165.7	101
Idaho	19.3	17.7	18.3	95
Illinois	256.5	230.0	242.2	94
Iowa	599.4	577.1	579.5	97
Kansas	421.0	404.3	434.3	103
Minnesota	222.3	219.0	224.7	101
Montana	1.6	1.4	1.6	96
Nebraska	591.3	579.1	581.4	98
Nevada	0.1	0.1	0.1	66
Oklahoma	98.2	91.6	98.4	100
Oregon	4.8	5.0	4.9	101
South Dakota	87.6	75.1	79.7	91
Texas	399.3	374.8	414.8	104
Utah	42.3	33.1	34.7	82
Washington	65.3	65.2	69.3	106
Wyoming	0.6	0.5	0.6	92
UNITED STATES	4,162.8	*3,962.9	4,147.5	100

* Revised ^{1/} Includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb and mutton. ^{2/} Percentages based on unrounded data.

IDAHO CATTLE ON FEED DOWN 2 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in Idaho from feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head on January 1, 2010 totaled 215,000 head, 2 percent below the January 1, 2009 inventory. The cattle on feed inventory increased 5,000 head from the 210,000 revised number on feed December 1, 2009. Placements of cattle in State feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during December totaled 41,000 head, up 5,000 head from December 2008 placements. Marketings of cattle from feedlots with 1,000 head or more during December totaled 35,000 head, down 4,000 head from the same month a year ago. Other disappearance totaled 1,000 during December, down from December 2008.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled

11.0 million head on January 1, 2010. The inventory was 2 percent below January 1, 2009. The inventory included 6.88 million steers and steer calves, down 3 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 62 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.07 million head, down 1 percent from 2009. Placements in feedlots during December totaled 1.55 million, 6 percent below 2008. Net placements were 1.47 million head. During December, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 430,000, 600-699 pounds were 420,000, 700-799 pounds were 401,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 295,000. Marketings of fed cattle during December totaled 1.74 million, 4 percent above 2008. Other disappearance totaled 72,000 during December, 5 percent below 2008.

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots¹

State	January 1, 2009	December 1, 2009	January 1, 2010		
			Number	As % of 2009	As % of December
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Arizona	358	282	288	80	102
California	490	465	465	95	100
Colorado	1,000	1,060	1,010	101	95
Idaho	220	*210	215	98	102
Iowa	500	560	570	114	102
Kansas	2,270	2,330	2,250	99	97
Nebraska	2,370	2,410	2,360	100	98
Oklahoma	335	375	365	109	97
South Dakota	220	235	235	107	100
Texas	2,790	2,760	2,680	96	97
Washington	157	172	166	106	97
Other States	360	418	405	(X/)	97
United States	11,234	*11,277	11,009	98	98

* Revised 1/ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better. (X/) Comparison to 2009 is not applicable.

Frozen Stocks

Frozen stocks of French fries in the United States on December 31, 2009, totaled 857 million pounds, a decrease of 2 percent from December 31, 2008 and down 4 percent from November 30, 2009. Other frozen potatoes, at 198 million pounds, decreased 12 percent from last year and decreased 8 percent from the previous month.

United States stocks of butter on December 31, 2009, totaled 134 million pounds, up 12 percent from the end of the previous year, but down 6 percent from the previous month. Stocks of total American cheese totaled 587 million pounds, up 9 percent from December 31, 2008, and up 1 percent from November 30, 2009.

Commodity	Dec 31, 2008	Nov. 30, 2009	Dec 31, 2009	Percent of	
				Dec 2008	Nov 2009
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
POTATOES:					
French Fries	874,095	894,220	856,714	98	96
Other Frozen	224,485	213,850	197,571	88	92
TOTAL	1,098,580	1,108,070	1,054,285	96	95
DAIRY:					
Butter	118,962	142,661	133,663	112	94
Natural Cheese	538,105	583,056	586,767	109	101
American, Total					

2009 Idaho Fruit Production

Idaho's 2009 apple production is estimated at 50 million pounds, down 41 percent from 2008. Apple value of utilized production is estimated at \$11.8 million, down 37 percent from 2008, but up 33 percent from 2007. Peach production totaled 9,200 tons, up 15 percent from 2008. Peach utilized production totaled 8,300 tons, up 880 tons from 2008. Peach value of utilized production is estimated at \$7.28 million, up 44 percent from 2008, but down 8 percent from 2007. Sweet cherry production is estimated at 6,000 tons, up 216 percent from 2008. Utilized production is estimated at 2,700 tons, up 50 percent from 2008. A substantial portion of the sweet cherry crop was either unharvested or was harvested but not sold. Sweet cherry value of utilized production is estimated at \$2.98 million, down 47 percent from 2008 and down 5 percent from 2007. Prune and plum production in 2009 is estimated at 2,000 tons, down 9 percent from 2008. Prune and plum value of utilized production is estimated at \$991,000, down 22 percent from 2008 and down 19 percent from 2007.

Nationally, utilized apple production for 2009 is estimated at 9.74 billion pounds, slightly up from 2008. Utilized production in Washington decreased 3 percent to 5.50 billion pounds from 2008. Utilized peach production for 2009 is estimated at 1.08 million tons, down 3 percent from both the previous year and 2007. The California crop, accounting for 75 percent of the U.S. utilized peach production, is down 5 percent from 2008. Sweet cherry production increased 73 percent from a year ago to 248,060 tons. Utilized sweet cherry production increased 56 percent from a year ago to 375,625 tons. Utilized prune and plum production in Idaho, Oregon, Michigan, and Washington totaled 17,900 tons, up 16 percent from last year.

Utilized Fruit Production, Selected States & U.S., 2008 – 2009

State	Apples		Peaches		Prunes & Plums		Sweet Cherries	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
	<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Tons</i>		<i>Tons</i>		<i>Tons</i>	
California	360.0	290.0	^{1/} 433,000	^{1/} 349,000	--	--	82,800	75,000
Georgia	12.0	^{2/}	25,000	30,000	--	--	--	--
Idaho	85.0	50.0	7,420	8,300	2,180	2,000	1,800	2,700
Illinois	39.6	39.6	7,960	7,580	--	--	--	--
Michigan	590.0	1,100.0	13,700	16,700	2,300	2,000	26,300	28,600
New York	1,220.0	1,299.0	5,200	6,400	--	--	920	940
North Carolina	165.0	105.0	5,250	4,150	--	--	--	--
Oregon	119.0	130.0	1,500	^{2/}	7,500	9,400	27,400	56,000
Pennsylvania	430.0	459.0	21,200	27,750	--	--	--	--
South Carolina	6.3	^{2/}	57,000	66,000	--	--	--	--
Utah	11.6	14.5	4,500	5,500	--	--	50	1,330
Virginia	230.0	200.0	5,100	5,010	--	--	--	--
Washington	5,650.0	5,500.0	16,800	18,000	3,500	4,500	100,000	210,000
West Virginia	81.0	84.0	5,000	5,290	--	--	--	--
UNITED STATES	9,515.7	9,739.1	^{3/} 1,113,500	^{4/} 1,084,560	^{5/} 15,480	^{5/} 17,900	240,720	375,625

1/ Freestone only 2/ Estimate discontinued in 2009 3/ Includes CA Clingstone total production of 426,000 tons 4 / Includes CA Clingstone production of 469,000 tons 5/ Excludes California prunes (dried basis)